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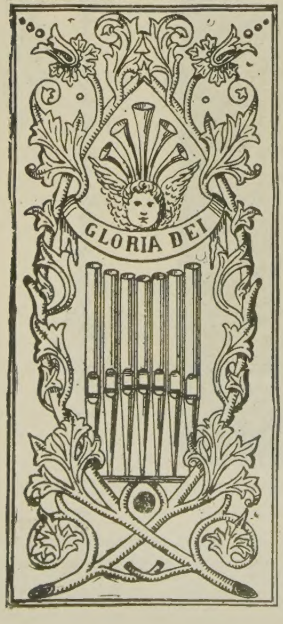

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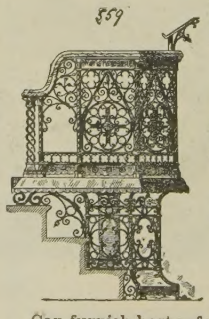

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Upsala Swedish Lutheran College

New Orange, New Jersey

FEBRUARY 10 will long be remembered by the friends of Upsala College and especially by those directly or indirectly connected with the institution, as it was the first day the new college building, at New Orange, N. J., was thrown open to the public.

Rev. M. Stolpe of New York City, president of the Board of Directors, made the opening address in Swedish. The other speakers were Revs. G. F. Greene of Cranford, N. J.; G. Nelsenius, Brooklyn, N. Y.; C. G. Fischer, Elizabeth, N. J.; P. A. Fair, business manager of the college; J. G. Danielson, Jersey City, N. J.; M. S. Waters, Newark, N. J.; Mr. P. Ragnarson, Brooklyn; Mr. Bostrom, New York City, and Dr. P. A. Rydberg of Columbia University.

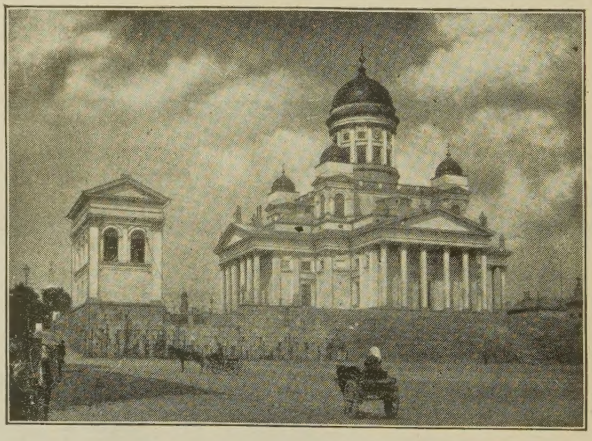
For many years a want was felt in the New York Conference of the Swedish Lutheran Church for a college. As early as 1885 the question was under consideration at the yearly meetings. It was not until 1893, however, that the school came into existence. That year was the three hundredth anniversary of the Council of Upsala, when the Lutheran doctrine was adopted as the teaching of the Church of Sweden. Accordingly the new school was called Upsala College. It was located in Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Rev. L. H. Beck, Ph.D., was called to be its president and faculty. There were

no school buildings, no funds and no students. By a tour in the principal congregations of the Conference interest was to some extent aroused for the cause, and a few students gathered. On October 3, 1893, the school was opened with 16 pupils in the Old Swedish Church on Pacific street. During the first school year the number of students was increased to 75, and two more teachers were engaged. There was a musical and business department connected with the school from the start. In the academic department there were three classes, until 1895, when one more class was added. In 1894 the school was moved to 392 McDonough street, Brooklyn, where it remained till the fall of 1898, when it was again moved, this time to New Orange, N. J., its present home. To acquire proper buildings was, of course, the aim from the beginning. Several localities were viewed and many offers received from such as desired to have the school in their locality. Finally an offer from the New Orange Industrial Association was accepted, and the school was incorporated according to the laws of New Jersey, and now expects to remain in this State, where the Swedes settled nearly 300 years ago. The new college building was commenced a year ago, and is built of brick, three stories high, 50 x 40 feet, with a basement. It contains a chapel, seven classrooms, an office and seven students' rooms, which are on the third floor. The school owns a plot of land over 14 acres around its building, and a farm of 40 acres in Alabama. During its more than six years of existence some 500 young men and women have been instructed. Of the teachers that have been employed by Upsala, one is now assistant curator of the New York Botanical Garden, another president of Jewell College in Iowa, another professor of English in Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., and still another professor of natural sciences at Mühlenburg College, Allentown, Pa. There are now six teachers in the Upsala College.

St. Nicholas Lutheran Cathedral

THE fine church edifice shown in the accompanying engraving, which was kindly loaned to us by *The Lutheran*, is built in the form of a Greek cross, and has a large dome and four smaller ones. It is "beautiful for situation," says a correspondent of the same paper, as it stands on a high elevation, overlooking the fine bay of Finland with its numerous little islands. Helsingfors, the capital of Finland, in which the cathedral stands, has about 55,000 inhabitants, nearly all of whom are Lutherans. It has but one congregation, composed of Swedes and Finns, and that congregation is about 50,000 strong, including all baptized members, among whom, of course, are the children.

This immense congregation worships in two churches (each holding 3,000 people), of which the more magnificent one is the St. Nicholas Church. It had eight pastors, five years ago, and may have that many still. Two services are held in each church every Sunday—one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Two of these services are held in the Swedish and two in the Finnish language, the Swedes and the Finns being bound together like brothers. The children are taught the religion of their fathers from their youth, both in the schools and in the catechetical classes, and few are left ignorant of the Lutheran faith.



LUTHERAN CATHEDRAL, HELSINGFORS, FINLAND.

As you can well understand, the Lutherans of Helsingfors do not have their church before their own doors, but must walk quite a distance to get there. Those who go mainly to the St. Nicholas Cathedral have a nice hill to climb, but the Finns are not afraid to climb it. These Finnish Lutherans, living in the Arctic regon, are a fervent, warm-hearted people, devout in spirit and simple in manner. Since Russia is beginning to rob them of their liberties they are leaving their native land by the thousands, many of them finding their way to this country, where they have a Synod about 5,000 strong, called the Suomi (Finnish) Synod.

Christ's Will

By Luther M. Kuhns

WHEN the words, "I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me," enter the mind and the heart; when their strength of purpose grows upon us, we are satisfied and rested in the strong, unflinching will of Christ. We know there is a Rock of Ages in the work on Calvary. Around us comes a pervading sense of eternity, of the ability of divine power; and we become submissive to the authority of supreme love in Christ's will.

His will is what He taught the people. His will—to do the will of Him that sent Him! In the zenith of His earthly power, with the people eager to make Him king above everything, He places His purpose to do the will of Him that sent Him. At the well of Sychar, with that ragged, tattered humanity before Him, with the veil drawn back from that woman's life, to Him it was more than meat to cleanse that sin-stained soul with the never-thirst-bringing water. All His bodily necessity is satisfied in this. To do the work His Father laid upon Him was His manna.

Everywhere Christ's conduct enforces His teaching. The ideal is here made real, and there is something greater than glory or a kingdom. Beyond present glory, to see back and beneath the crown life's great mission accomplished in obedience to that paramount will; to be able to see this is more than the reaching and grasping for earthly power to influence men and to impel them to action in conformity with one's own ulterior purposes.

With this is connected the most practical notions of religion. The heart given to God by solemn vows is no longer ours, but God's, to whose care we intrusted it. Upon us is the moral obligation to perform those sacred vows. "Every devoted thing is most holy unto the Lord." The uplifting of the soul, either in the public sanctuary, or at the family altar, or in the hallowedness of private devotion, is the Christian learning to do that will. Our weakest efforts and most imperfect service, as we seek both to learn and to do that will, are valued as "most holy unto the Lord." No person, with his years everywhere crowned with the sure mercies of God, can do any better than to recognize the divine will in the ordinary walks of daily life.

Lip service, an enveloping vapor hiding its Maker from the soul, can never produce such a life. The spirit prompting this must be heart-deep. Long ago David learned "the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit." The every-day Christian, developing in grace and the knowledge of God, grows not by might, nor by power, but by the spiritual attitude of the heart toward God. In her beautiful poem, "Thy Will Be Done," Anna Waring says sweetly:

"There are briars besetting every path
That calls for patient care;
There is a cross in every lot,
And an earnest need for prayer;
But a lowly heart, that leans on Thee,
Is happy anywhere."

Oh, that thorn-path from Nazareth to Calvary; that blood-stained cross to which white-robed faith clings! What possibilities are opened to us in the nailing of Christ to His cross! The whispered prayer and the heart consecrated upon the altar of sacrifice change the thorny path into the way of glory, and the cross becomes the crown.

Only as Christ's will within us grows toward perfection can we hope for this. His will manifested in that earnest, unwavering purpose to do the will of Him that sent Him is an example to us. We turn to Him as our example, saying:

"Thou seemest human and divine,
The highest, holiest manhood, Thou.
Our wills are ours, we know not how;
Our wills are ours, to make them Thine."

With Christ's sweet will, submissive to the Father's, before us as an example, we cannot help thinking how much need there is for more personal piety. What religion needs is more consecration. What worship needs is more reverence and devotion. What most of all is needed everywhere is more Christ-likeness. Not my little will, but Thine be done.

Influencing Each Other

A railroad conductor once went with a large company of conductors on an excursion to a Southern city. They arrived on Saturday night. An attractive trip had been planned for the next day. In the morning this gentleman was observed to be taking more than usual care with his attire, and a friend said to him: "Of course, you are going with us to the excursion?"

"No," he replied, quietly; "I am going to church; that is my habit on Sunday."

Another questioner received the same reply. Comment on it began to pass around, and discussion followed. When he set out for church, he was accompanied by 150 men, whom his quiet example had turned from a Sunday excursion to the place of worship. *Gospel News.*

The Transvaal Republic

THE illustration shown on this page presents a view of the Chamber of the Volksraad, the meeting place of the lawmakers who govern the South African Republic. This is located at Pretoria. The principal business center of the Republic, however, is Johannesburg, not many miles from the capital. As interest in the Transvaal is so general, the illustration, and some idea of this Republic, will no doubt be considered opportune.

The South African Republic is not much larger than the State of Colorado. Through its southern part extends a high ridge of mountains, running east and west about 100 miles, known as the Randt. It is the watershed of South Africa, as also its golden treasure house. Before gold was discovered, it was of all grass covered plains one of the least inviting. Now, in place of the Boer herdsman, are to be seen the railroad and the street car, all centering in the great South African metropolis of 100,000 population, Johannesburg. This city stands on the site of a farm formerly owned by one Bezuidenhout, where he lived in peace until 1886, when prospectors traced the gold veins at Kirksdorp to his farm. Then the government threw open the place and a rush of gold seekers began. Soon Johannesburg rose phœnix like from the ashes of Boer simplicity, and in a year had 30,000 inhabitants. In the next two years this was doubled, and the town could boast of a fine government building, a number of equally attractive office structures, many superb residences, two theaters and several churches. Now the city is a modern one in every respect. Its buildings are a credit to their owners, the streets are well kept, and despite the continued crises of the last four years, Johannesburg has prospered.

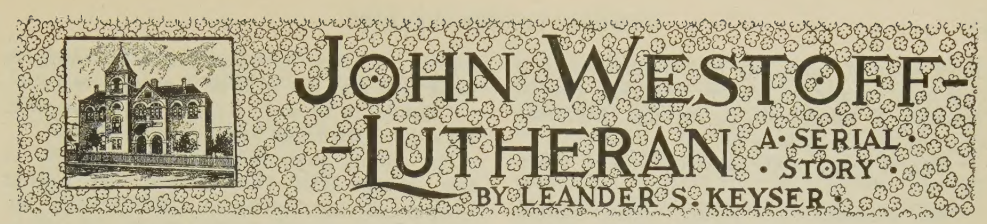
The Transvaal does not have a population of more than a million, only one-fourth of whom are whites. England is to-day warring against a people numbering scarcely more than a quarter of a million. The religion of the Boers is the Dutch Reformed, though Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians and Catholics are also found there, but chiefly among the Outlanders.

Engraving from *Washington Star.*

FIRST CHAMBER OF THE VOLKSRAAD—INTERIOR.

— In the Lutheran Church at Uniontown, Md., recently improved, one of the new windows was presented by the Young People's Society.

— A mass meeting of the Lutheran Young People's Union of Washington, D. C., was held January 26 in St. John's Church, Rev. George Brodthage, pastor. An address upon "God's Call to Personal Service," was delivered by Mr. Ralph Wells of New York. The annual banquet of the Union was held on February 23 at the Oxford Hotel. There was an interesting programme of after dinner speeches and music.



CHAPTER III.—"TESTS AND CONTESTS."

AMERICAN college life has been so often and so graphically described by specialists in that line that to enter into details in this place would be a work of supererogation. Only such incidents as are essential to our narrative will be depicted in these pages.

John Westoff soon settled down to his college work in earnest. He was not disappointed in Augsburg College. It was not a "one-horsed" institution, as Mark Kenford had derisively called it, but had all the facilities needed to give young men and women a first rate classical and scientific training. Its buildings may not have been so imposing and numerous or its laboratories so elaborate as those of some other colleges, but it was loyal to Christ and the Church, and was pervaded with a distinctly Christian and Lutheran atmosphere, and these facts weighed more in his mind than all else.

He was duly matriculated, entered the Freshman class as a "regular," for he had been studying hard during the vacation, and soon had settled down to his college duties with the zest and contentment that were characteristic of him. In writing home to his parents and pastor, he said:

"Augsburg College is just the place for me. There is not a skeptic or rationalist in the faculty, and not one man, so far as I have been able to discover, who is not true to the Lutheran cause. Yet the professors are broad and scholarly men. The fact is, I am persuaded that it is their depth of investigation that makes them what they are. If they were superficial, they would be much more apt to run after new 'fads' in the world of thought and be 'tossed about with every wind of doctrine.' I am very thankful that my feet were directed to Augsburg, and my only regret is that Mark Kenford is not here too."

As John wrote to his parents and pastor on the same evening, the foregoing paragraph appeared in both the letters.

In the president of the college, Dr. Turnover, he found a warm friend, whose erudition had not dried up the fountains of cordiality and enthusiasm. So often writers of fiction represent college professors as men who are lacking in practical sense; who browse in musty libraries, and take no interest in the affairs of the modern world. There may be such men, but we confess that we have never met them, and John found none of that obsolete ilk at Augsburg.

It is not needful to say of our young collegian that he was "brilliant." He had gifts, but he soon found that he had no monopoly of intellect; indeed, he discovered very early in his academic career that he would be compelled to "rustle" if he hoped to win any of the honors of the class for his brow. As a member of one of the literary societies, he soon gained some distinction, for public speaking was one of his "strong points," as the current phrase went in the college.

There were other matters, besides purely college duties, that claimed a share of his attention. On the third Sunday morning after his matriculation, he met one of his college friends in the hallway of the dormitory.

"Where are you going to church this morning, Westoff?" inquired the young man, whose name was Ralph Sanders.

"I'm going to the Lutheran Church," replied John, in his decisive way.

"You've been there the last two Sundays, I believe. Wouldn't you like to go with me to-day to some other church? I'm going the rounds of the churches sampling the preachers, to see which I like best."

John laughed at the idea, which seemed ludicrous to him, and rejoined:

"Well, Sanders, I don't profess to be especially pious. I know myself too well to make any pretensions. But it doesn't seem to me to be the proper thing to go to church for the purpose you've named. I go to have a part in the worship."

"Oh, certainly, certainly," said Sanders, in an apologetic way. "But you could worship just as well somewhere else, couldn't you?"

"Not if I should go to gratify my curiosity and 'sample the preachers,'" quoted John, laughing good naturedly. "If I were conscious of such a motive, it would destroy the spirit of worship."

"Whe-e-ew! Westoff, you're deep."

"It doesn't take any depth to see that, I think. At any rate, Dr. Wilhelm, our Lutheran pastor, is an excellent preacher. I

don't want to miss any of his sermons, if I can help it, and so, except for very special reasons, I intend to go to the Lutheran Church for every service."

"That's just a little narrow, isn't it, Westoff?"

"No, Sanders; it's loyal," John replied. "Suppose all of Dr. Wilhelm's members should run around 'sampling the preachers,' how would the Lutheran Church be maintained? If one has a right to gad, all have. If it is the duty of some to be true and steadfast, it's the duty of all."

"Well, sir, you are a logician, and no mistake. I'm free to say that I never looked at the matter in that light before. Do you intend never to go to any other church than the Lutheran?"

"I would not say that I never would. I don't know what circumstances might arise. This is my position—I shall always attend our Lutheran services unless I have a very, very good reason not to. I have no such reason this morning."

"Look here, Westoff, you're a stalwart in every respect, and I like you. You may be narrow, but you're no jelly fish, any way. One always knows where to find you. There's something stimulating about such sturdiness. May I go with you to the Lutheran Church?"

"Welcome, Sanders," cried John, heartily. "Come along as soon as you can get ready, and we'll go to Sunday school."

"All right," and Sanders picked up his water pitcher, and bolted into his room on the other side of the hall.

On their way home from the service, Sanders was enthusiastic.

"What a stirring sermon!" he said, as soon as the young men had left the church. "Dr. Wilhelm isn't exactly an orator—he hasn't the voice for that—but he does touch a fellow at the right spot."

"Yes, sir, he feeds the spiritual nature, and makes you feel that it is worth while to live and to make an effort. You can't be a pessimist and listen to such preaching."

At parting in the dormitory hall, Sanders said:

"I believe, Westoff, I'll settle down, too, and go to the Lutheran services regularly. Of course, I've been brought up a Lutheran, as you have, but I've never taken it very seriously. But this thing of gadding about doesn't pay; it makes a fellow restless and discontented—religiously, I mean. You're always craving a change when you follow that plan, and you're so often disappointed. Why, I feel better this morning than I have for a month."

"Do you know why, Sanders?"

"I suspect I do," Sanders replied, smilingly. "I went to church this morning to meet God and not to hear a pulpit orator."

"That's it to a *t*. You're a philosopher. Good-by. Meet you at the dinner table."

The young men became fast friends. A few weeks later they joined the Luther League of the Lutheran Church, and engaged to do as much work for the congregation as was consistent with other duties. They were both impressed with a brief address delivered by Dr. Turnover one morning at the chapel exercises.

"Young people," he said, "you should engage in some religious work in this city during your college days, and should especially be faithful in your attendance on the means of grace. You may think that this is your time for study and preparation, that you are too busy to work in the way I have indicated, and that you will wait until you leave college and settle down in your profession before you take an active part in the ministries of religion. That would be a mistake, a serious blunder, young friends. Do you ask why? Because now is the time when you are forming the habits of life. If, while you remain in college, you form the habit of neglecting religious work for other matters, you will be likely to follow in the same path after you leave these halls. Such characteristics will cling to you. After you have entered professional life you will be just as busy as you are now, perhaps even busier, and if you cannot find time now to work for God, you will never be able to command the time. Of course, you will understand that you are not to neglect your studies, but you cannot always pore over your books, and much good may be done by a wise use of your spare moments. I would especially advise you to identify yourselves with the Sunday schools and young people's societies of the place."

That was advice that John Westoff and Ralph Sanders never forgot.

In a former chapter it was said, or at least hinted, that John had an excellent bass voice, and had been a member of the choir in the church at home. It was not long before his vocal gifts were discovered at Augsburg. He was not disposed to push himself forward, but neither would he hide his light under a bushel. A college quartette was formed, and John was selected for the "second bass."

It was perhaps four months after the beginning of the college year that a public entertainment was given by one of the literary societies of the college—the one to which John belonged—and several of the numbers were filled by the male quartette, whose first appearance stirred not a little interest.

"Who is the young fellow who sings the

second bass?" inquired a clerical looking gentleman of a student who was sitting beside him.

"His name is John Westoff."

"Where does he room?"

"In the dormitory—No. 41."

"Thank you."

The gentleman wrote the name and number in his note book, and added a few other memoranda. The next afternoon, as John was bending over his books, there was a knock, and when he opened the door, the clerical looking gentleman stood there, a broad, genial smile playing over his smoothly shaven face.

"I am Dr. Bayard, pastor of the First P—— Church of this city," the caller announced. "May I come in and speak to you a few minutes, Mr. Westoff?"

"Certainly. Step in, and have a chair," John replied, wondering what his visitor might want.

"I was at the musical entertainment last evening and heard you sing," said the Doctor, when he was seated and had glanced around the tidy room.

"Ah! I hope your time was not wasted."

"No, indeed! I was delighted with the entertainment. No time is wasted that gives one such pure pleasure."

John smiled, for he liked a man who took a cheerful view of life, just as much as he disliked one of the lugubrious sort.

"Well, Mr. Westoff, you and I are too busy to discuss general subjects to-day," the minister continued. "Just look at those Latin and Greek books lying there on your study table. They admonish me that you have little time to spare. So I'll come to the point of my errand at once. I was pleasantly surprised last evening at the strong, musical quality of your voice. Have you ever sung in a church choir?"

"Oh, yes, sir;" and John explained.

"I am very glad to know that you have been singing sacred as well as secular music. Now, Mr. Westoff,"continued the minister, bending forward, "I am in special need of a good bass for my choir. I have consulted my chorister, who has heard you sing, and we have decided to tender you the position. We should prefer to have you begin without delay—next Sunday, if possible. You will want to know about the remuneration. We shall be able to pay you"—naming a liberal sum—"per Sunday for the morning and evening services. I hope, sir, that you may see your way clear to accept the offer. We really have need of you."

The face of the minister beamed upon the young student. There could be no doubt that it was a good face, and no doubt, either, that the proposal was made in good faith.

Now, our young collegian was not a saint. There were temptations that appealed to him with peculiar power, and this was one of that kind. He was silent for a few minutes, weighing the reasons pro and con for accepting the flattering proposition. Thought runs rapidly at such times. The attractions of the position were many.

First, the P—— Church was one of the largest and most influential of the city. It would be an honor to sing before such a congregation. Then there was the vocal drill that such singing would afford him, for he would be associated with persons of musical taste and talent.

Nor was the financial question to be left out of the account. His allowance from home was sufficient for his actual needs, but not large enough to afford him many luxuries. Who can blame him for feeling that a little extra "pin money" would be acceptable? Besides, the money would buy a book now and then, and he wanted to do some extraneous reading. His mind ran quickly over a list of books that he had been anxious to read.

True, he continued to argue, he would be denied the pleasure of listening to Dr. Wilhelm's sermons, but then, no doubt, Dr. Bayard was also a gifted preacher. Perhaps he, John, would not be the loser even in a spiritual sense if he attended the services at the P—— Church. Yes, it was a tempting offer. There was no denying that.

At the same time, counter arguments went racing through the young man's mind. He was a Lutheran, and felt that his first duty was to his own church. And yet—well, he did not want to decide hastily. The step proposed involved so many considerations that he said to himself, "In this case haste may make waste." As a rule, John thought rapidly and soon reached a conclusion, but the offer had been so unexpected that he was not prepared to say on the spur of the moment what he would do.

"You must give me a couple of days to think over your kind offer, Doctor," he said at length. "Where I am in doubt, I think it best to take time."

Dr. Bayard was evidently disappointed with young Westoff's answer, for the minister supposed that any young and ambitious student would jump at such an offer; yet he said cordially:

"I respect your desire to be deliberate, and will give you time. Can you let me have your decision day after to-morrow?"

"Yes, sir, I shall report to you at that time."

"I hope your report will be favorable,"

(*Continued on page 22.*)

"Religion"

The accompanying illustration presents one of four windows executed by invitation of the United States Commission of the Paris Exposition, who, desiring that the country should be adequately represented in the art of glass, have erected a special pavilion, which is placed in the center of the Liberal Arts Building. This pavilion will be entered by four covered passageways from four directions, thus after the visitor arrives at the center of the pavilion the only illumination he will receive will be the light through the windows, which will fill the four angle wall openings.

The subject, "Religion," is personified by the figure with book, who sits enthroned in the center, and is supported by the two angels symbolizing the "Church Militant" and the "Church Triumphant" standing in the branches of the "Tree of Life," which fills the entire background.

Designed by Chas. R. Lamb, Architect, Fred'k S. Lamb, Artist. Executed by J. & R. Lamb, New York.

The idea which the Messrs. J. & R. Lamb have so interestingly designed is happily expressed in the text: "I send mine angels to bear testimony," which, out of compliment to the French people, has been inscribed in French.

Luther League Topics

Outlined and Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

April 1. Fifth week in Lent.

Pilate

(John XVIII: 29, XIX: 16)

Themes for Papers.—"The History of Pilate."—"What is Truth?"—"How Pilate Dealt with Jesus."—"The Character of Pilate."

Lessons:

1. *Do you share with Pilate the incapacity to reverence, and appreciate a spiritual life, and spiritual truth?* Pilate had no sense of the beauty and value of truth. The reason many do not follow Jesus is that they lack ability to see and admire His spirit, His words, His life. We pity the man who can hear the noblest music, or look upon the finest work of art, untouched and unseeing. What shall we say of ourselves if we can look upon the perfect and ideal beauty of the character of Christ without an impulse to worship and to imitate Him?

2. *How strong is your friendship for Jesus?* Do you wish Him well? Are you glad to see His cause prosper? Would you willingly do something for Him if it cost you no trouble? Would you even do something that meant only slight inconvenience, if it did not make you unpopular and involve sacrifice? Then you are about as good a friend of Jesus as Pilate was. The Roman Governor went as far as that. But that is not far enough. Whole hearted, faithful, ungrudging love is what He would have. To serve Him so long as it costs nothing is not enough. It was not enough for Pilate or for Jesus.

3. *Are you possessed of moral principle?* Is *right* the supreme consideration with you? The man who makes right supreme is master of himself in every circumstance, and he masters others also. The Pilate among men is the slave of circumstances and crowds. His supreme consideration was self. He may have burned incense before every altar of every god in Rome, but his chief god was *Pilate.* To do justice was a very small consideration, to save the life of an innocent man was a very small consideration, in comparison with the interests of self! Is that the sort of life principle you are living by? To desert, in ever so small a question, the guidance of conscience; to compromise truth, in ever so small a cause, under the compulsion of circumstance, is to become like Pilate. Do right! Be true and loyal to Christ, among His foes as among His friends! That makes us of the brotherhood of martyrs.

April 8. Holy Week.

Mary of Bethany

(Luke X: 38-42 John XII: 1-9)

Themes for Papers.—"Mary at Jesus' Feet."—"Mary in Sorrow."—"Mary's Offering."—"Mary's Reward."

Lessons:

The commendation of the Lord bestowed on Mary is the greatest encouragement to those who wish to do something for Him.

1. *It is an encouragement to give expression to our personal love for Him.* How we appreciate and treasure the gift which brings to us the expression of love, though the value of the gift otherwise be very small. And love finds expression where it truly exists. Neither is it enough to express love in words. We may *talk* about our love for the Saviour, but Mary's love *did* something. I can do little; nothing, it seems to me—so it probably seemed to Mary. She had no idea that she was doing an imperishable deed. She did what she could! What are you doing?

2. *It is an encouragement to think and plan and adapt our gift, in order to please Him.* When you want to show your love to a friend, how you wonder and seek to obtain appropriateness and beauty in the offering. You try to put something of yourself in it, to make it peculiarly acceptable to your friend, to render it an expression of your thought. And Mary had doubtless sought to her best ability to choose the most appropriate gift. How appropriate it was, she did not understand, but He did, "she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying." But love is always appropriate, though never more so than in the hour when men are showing hatred and grief is bitter. And no box of alabaster, filled with nard, is so appropriate as what you and I can give today, in loving, self sacrificing service.

3. *It is an encouragement to do our utmost.* This was a costly gift. Mary economized somewhere else, if at all. Do not be afraid, as Judas was, that to give joy to the heart of the suffering Lord may be too expensive! To please Him cannot cost too much. This was probably the only luxury Jesus ever enjoyed; and He enjoyed it because it was offered without thought of the price. If Mary had known anything better to do, had possessed any more precious thing to bring, she would have offered that. Oh, think what it is to have the opportunity to *please* Him, our best and dearest Friend!

The Luther League Topics (complete lessons, of which the above are outlines and reviews), in pamphlet form, covering three months, can be supplied at nominal rates by Luther League Review, Box 133, Washington, D. C.

April 15. Easter Week.

Mary Magdalene

(John 20 : 11-18)

Themes for Papers.—"The Life Story of Mary Magdalene."—"The Lord's Conversation wth Mary Magdalene."—"Woman's Service to Christ."—"The Lessons of Easter."

Note the following suggestions based on the passage given us for study:

1. *Mary wept when she should have rejoiced.* So do we. If she had known what it meant she would not have wept. Neither would we if we saw our trials in the light in which God sees them. She mourned for the dead body which was gone. But that body lived again, her Master was not further from her, but much nearer. Our grief for the vanished bodies of our friends would not be so terrible if we could see them in the glorious presence of the Lord; and even, perhaps, much nearer to ourselves than when they walked and talked with us. She was soon to learn the precious truth. And it will not be long until we, too, learn the secrets of the other life, and have the true explanation of all that befell us here. In the meantime, let us trust the Risen Lord who turned Mary's tears to joy.

2. *Mary found angels in the tomb.* What a changed tomb! The place for a dead body—but occupied by creatures of immortal life! It seems as if the sight might have given her suggestion of what had come to pass. But no, in our griefs we are blind to all that might give comfort. Our tear filled eyes fail to behold the angels of God's ministry of comfort; and, though they be present, we do not catch the meaning of their presence. How full of surprises was this Easter morning, and all of them surprises of joy. Who can imagine what will be the surprises of that great Easter yet to come, when all the tombs of His children shall give up their dead! Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

3. *Mary did not keep the good news to herself.* The first one who had seen the Risen Lord, she is not slow to testify. How is it with you? Jesus has risen in your heart, and brought life where there was death. Have you gone to tell others? We have the good news, and we believe it; what have we done to tell those who have never heard it, and who are mourning in ignorance of a Saviour who has triumphed over Sin and Death and Sepulchre? The Easter story brings us again, in many places, the message of our responsibility. He is risen, and every soul for which He died and rose again has a right to know of it! What are we doing to tell them?

April 22. First week after Easter.

Philip and Eunuch

(Acts VIII : 26 40)

Themes for Papers.—"The Office of a Deacon." (See Luth. Encyc.).—"The Story of Philip."—"Practical Points." (A short paper on each point given in the topic.)

Lessons:

1. *God guides those who will be guided.* And here were two, wanting guidance, and needing it. Philip, longing to be where he could be most useful to his Lord; the eunuch, earnestly seeking the truth of God, yet feeling his inability to understand the Scriptures, "except some one should guide" him. Two men who ought to be together. So God brings them together. The harmonies of divine Providence are the most beautiful harmonies of all. God still works as He did then. No earnest soul, seeking His light, shall be left in darkness. No servant of His, eager for service, shall be left idle. We need a stronger faith in the every day guidance of our God. Are you led of the Spirit?

2. *The student of God's Word will not be forgotten of God.* The eunuch used what he had, and that was exceedingly good. He found much in Isaiah that was not plain to him, but he found also much that was more helpful than he could elsewhere obtain. And God seeing his desire to know the truth sent him a teacher. You cannot waste time when you read the Bible. You can, and often do, when you are engaged with the literature of the day. "Blessed is the man'. . . whose delight is in the law of the Lord."

3. *The message of the Saviour's atonement comes like refreshing water to a thirsty soul.* Here was a man in whom the Holy Spirit had done the work of preparation; and now, as the story of Jesus' life and death is unrolled before him, there is no doubt, no hesitation. no unwillingness to confess Him. "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" Nothing hindered, and He was baptized. Such is the true course of the growth of faith, and full acceptance in the training which our Church gives. When we gather our children in the catechetical class, they, already prepared for the fuller teaching, in its clearness and connection of the saving truth, ought to receive with simple, explicit faith the Lord Jesus Christ as His blessed Person and work are made known to them; and willingly and gladly present themselves for the admission to the full privileges of His Church.

Reading Course Papers

By the Literary Secretary

LET us talk first of waste intellect. The quantity of this sort of waste will not at once strike us. But the longer we investigate, the more depressing must be the conviction forced upon us by the facts. I talk not now of deficient education—of half developed minds—of inharmoniously unfolded minds—of stunted, shriveled minds—of minds whose memory has been cultivated at the expense of their judgment; whose sense of the beautiful has never been wooed into the service of the perception of the true; whose sympathies have never been enlisted in the service of their reason; who have no knowledge of the intellectual tools wherewith they are to quarry and carve for themselves the solid blocks of truth out of which they are to fashion a temple of truth within their deathless souls.

I am now speaking rather of that other education with which every one of us has himself personally to do; which pertains not alone to the favored few who have had the advantages of a college course, but to the entire multitude of men who are deriving their education from the environment of their daily life. Each of us is, of course, indebted to a certain extent to his tutors of his school days, but much more is he a debtor to himself after having passed from the guardianship of these teachers. It is what we do with ourselves in the years subsequent to our school life—this it is which now solicits our attention. Having finished whatever curriculum was within our means—having found out the number of our senses and powers, with their duties, relations and functions—having laid in a fair store of the first principles, the rudiments of knowledge—then, in the noble exercise of self reliance, to move forth fronting life, man, nature, and from all learning and by all gaining truth, wisdom, power—this is the problem of life.

The books which constitute your select little library are to become the chief educators of your intellectual being. Reading is to be your great chief factor. What you are may be as accurately inferred from your books as from your companions. Your mental tastes incline you, dispose you, control you in the one as in the other.

The average reading of the present day is not much more than waste. No reading is worthy of a man which does not command attention, compel earnestness and constrain to persevering fixedness of thought. The majority of books to-day are but "thinking-made-easy" volumes. Their authors perform the vicarious work of thinking for us. They chew the food which we then masticate. They dilute the milk of life. Coming from them it is such milk of thought as Tom Sheridan wrote about to his mother that the London boarding house keepers had furnished him, "thrice skimmed and sky blue." Over these volumes no brow is knitted with thought. Reading these pages, you are never compelled to close the book upon your finger and thumb, while you engage in carrying out the thought suggested by the writer to some of his wider and remoter issues and ultimates. He digs not in gold mines. No; he merely remelts old worn out, clipped and sweated coin, and remolds and restamps it, after having sadly deteriorated its value by alloy of baser metal. The newspaper has emasculated thought. The magazine has enervated mind. Feebleness, superficiality and enormous pretensions of universal knowledge prevail. Men have no time to think. Young people are impatient of the soberness of truth. Glitter and glare, blaze and brilliancy, sparkling antithesis and startling asseveration—these win attention, bear aloft their producer to high fame and speed on the decomposition of the mental life of the age. Every man must know everything. No one dare ever confess ignorance upon any theme or subject. Each man is a locomotive "Universal Encyclopedia." Who could survive the terrible mortification and disgrace of admitting non-acquaintance with the last utterances of the evolutionists and higher critics! And thus the multitude walk in a vain show. They are fed on ashes and banquet on husks.

Read the best books. Life is too short to waste any of it on any others. Read them until you have mastered them. Read them until you can give an outline or analysis of their argument. Read them until they have become incorporated in your soul's essence, so that if you could bleed soul from the lance wound there should leap out the distilled quintessence of the mastered volume.

So much for your reading of books. As to the topic which you may select for special study, or which may be assigned you for presentation, fix yourself upon it. Talk about it; write about it. Concentrate all available light of information upon it. Make it your own by such processes. Not till then turn away from it to some other. Thus you win for your own inalienable possession a goodly territory in the immense domain of knowledge, and climb to right royal rank in the noblest of all sovereignties.—*Thomas Guard.*

Are the League Books Used?

Last month we stated that the Osterhout Public Library of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., had

placed the 20 books of the Reading Courses upon the shelves. They were ordered because of interest by the librarian in the books, and a demand which had been created. That the placing of the books in the public library is appreciated is a natural conclusion from the fact that some report that they must go several times before they can secure a single one of the volumes. In other words, the books do not remain on the shelves. The placing of these books in the public library has proven a great impetus to the interest in the reading of our Reading Courses and has called the attention of the public to this literature in a way which has created no small general interest. Our advice is that young Lutherans everywhere use their influence to have the books of the Reading Courses placed in every public library, either by purchase or gift.

A NEW BOOK SUBSTITUTED IN READING COURSE NO. 1.

The many admirers of Rev. Preston A. Laury's excellent new "History of Lutheran Missions," published by the Pilger Book Store, Reading, Pa., which is by far the most able and thorough treatise on the subject extant in the English language, will be pleased to hear that every effort is now being made to place this valuable volume into the First Reading Course. Although its price, $1.25, is more than double that of the book which it would substitute, the cost of the set is to be retained at the low sum of $3.50 for the five volumes, without one cent of additional charge. This is simply another evidence that the Literature Committee and the business manager are willing to actually pay a deficit on every set of the books sold, not out of the treasury, but out of their own pockets, in order that the wholesome leaven of these standard reading courses may permeate the rising generation of our American Lutheran Church to the widest possible extent.

A Beautiful Window

One of the most costly and beautiful windows ever placed in a Lutheran Church in America adorns the chancel of St. John's Church, Hagerstown, Md., of which the Rev. Dr. S. W. Owen is the pastor. This artistic work in stained glass was placed in the Church in January, and the inscription on it reads: "To the Glory of God, and in Memory of John H. Kansler. Born August 31, 1823, died December 26, 1898." The window was designed and executed by the Tiffany Glass & Decorating Company of New York, whose artistic productions, in Favrile glass, are to be seen in many of the larger Lutheran churches in this country. The window, which is 14½ feet high and 5½ feet in width, was designed by Frederick Wilson, and typifies the Resurrection by illustrating the sentiment in the twentieth chapter of St. John, sixteenth verse; where Christ speaks to Mary Magdalene in the garden, and she replies, calling Him "Rabboni." The main panel, in which appear the figures of the Master and Mary, is done in several colors; the garments of Christ are in opalescent white glass, shading to a very delicate green; the face is exquisitely painted; the drapery on the figure of Mary Magdalene, who is represented as bowing at the Master's feet, is done in rich deep reds which, in connection with the colors of the rising sun, and blue of the heavens in the background, makes a very effective color scheme. The top panel, which is Romanesque to correspond with the architecture of the Church, is of conventional treatment, with the monogram of the Holy Name incorporated in its design, and is supported by columns on either side. There is a letter panel at the bottom in which, to carry out the idea of the Resurrection, are represented bunches of beautiful white Easter lillies.

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All inquiries concerning the courses should be addressed to the Literary Secretary, Rev. C. L. FRY, Lancaster, Pa.

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Have them all put in your S. S. Library.

Let Us Have Your Hand Too

LAST month our business manager, Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt, wrote under the above heading about the kind greetings received from a Leaguer, who offered his hand in a cordial manner, with the wish for a prosperous new year. He also spoke of your interest and my interest in the REVIEW, urging every one to give him a hand to place the publication (which, being the property of the Luther League of America, therefore belongs to you and me as well) upon a sound financial basis. He does not want charity. He wants your assistance in circulating the REVIEW, and your aid in whatever manner you can, to increase its usefulness. If every member of the Luther League would do his or her duty toward the REVIEW there would be a good sized balance on the right side. Won't you see if you owe for your subscription; if so, pay it at once, or if you are paid up, won't you help by sending us the name of some other person in your League or Church; but don't stop at one, send five or ten, and take advantage of our club rates, or else get the books of the Reading Course free, see page 27 of this issue.

E. F. EILERT, Pres. L. L. A.

Finance Committee

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Luther League of America was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 16. There were present F. A. Hartranft, Esq., chairman, and J. Martin Rommel, Esq., secretary, both of Philadelphia; Mr. Isaac Harter of Canton, Ohio, and Mr. Adolph C. Close of Cleveland. It was decided "that the members of the committee secure such contributions as possible for the purpose of defraying the expenses of securing speakers, &c., for the convention, and that the members of the Executive Committee be requested to co-operate with the members of the Finance Committee in this work in their respective localities."

The following resolution was also adopted: "That it is the sense of this committee that the work of the League has reached a stage that requires for the purposes of properly advancing its work the services of a person who shall devote his entire time thereto, and to carry this into effect it is recommended that each local society or association pay to the National League for this purpose a sum equal to 5 cents per member, and that in return copies of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW be sent to such society to the value of said amount."

It was further decided "That the committee endeavor to dispose of 80 of the $10 bonds issued two years ago to pay off all indebtedness of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW."

The committee received the assurance that 20 of these would be taken, provided the other 60 were disposed of.

Here is another opportunity of showing your interest in the League—Try and help this committee in its work.—ED.

Book Reviews

BOOKS FOR NOTICE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE EDITOR OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, BOX 876, OR 131 LIBERTY ST., N. Y. CITY.

HISTORY OF THE SCANDINAVIANS AND SUCCESSFUL SCANDINAVIANS IN THE UNITED STATES. Compiled and edited by O. N. Nelson. Vols. I and II (combined). Second revised edition. O. N. Nelson & Co., Minneapolis, Minn. Pp. 798. Sold by subscription; agents wanted; terms, circulars, etc., on application.

This is a compiled work, contributions having been made by several dozen well-known Scandinavian writers. It has been thoroughly revised since the first edition of 1893, new parts have been added, some chapters entirely rewritten (*e. g.*, The Norwegian Sloop Party of 1825), etc. The sources of immigration, histories of colonies, accounts of Scandinavians as now embraced in the churches of various denominations (of course, the Lutheran principally), accounts as included in various States, etc., are depicted seemingly with all honesty and attempt to know the bare facts. Numerous brief sketches of distinguished individuals are given with likenesses. A bibliography of pertinent literature mentions about 200 books and pamphlets. Some special chapters are to be found also, including one on "The Nationality of Criminal and Insane Persons in the U. S.," prepared by the editor, which is worthy of careful attention. Thus reviewing the contents, we feel sure the book will be of interest to at least all Scandinavians and necessary to such as would investigate their history in this country. It is published only in the English language.

NATURE'S MIRACLES. Familiar Talks on Science. By Elisha Gray, Ph.D., LL.D. Vol. I, World Building and Life; Earth, Air and Water. Fords, Howard & Hulbert, New York. Pp. 243. 60 cents net.

The volume is to be followed by two others, one on "Energy and Vibraton: Force, Heat, Light, Sound, Explosives," the other on "Electricity and Magnetism." Professor Gray is, of course, entitled to speak on such subjects and we welcome such an authorita-

tive voice speaking in non-technical words for the people. Too many popular scientific books have been written by novices; too seldom will a genuine student thus write. Many will want to hear about clouds, winds, dew, meteors, tides, glaciers, etc., as in this handy book.

THE FATE OF MADAME LA TOUR. A Tale of Great Salt Lake. By Mrs. O. G. Paddock. Fords, Howard & Hulbert, New York. Pp. 310. $1. Tenth thousand.

Mrs. Paddock has become well known in connection with Mormon matters, and the recent Roberts case in Congress gives new force to her writings. She writes with authority and adds to facts what gives her books readableness, literary style and realistic dialogue. The origin, ideas, principles and methods of the Mormon life it has been her aim to explain in this story.

THE SOCIAL MEANING OF MODERN RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS IN ENGLAND. The Ely Lectures for 1899. By Thomas C. Hall, D.D. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Pp. 279. $1.50.

Here is a carefully studied book for every sociologist and historian at least. At times the argument is a bit heavy, but it traces searchingly the history of Methodism, Evangelicalism, Radicalism, Broad Church Movement and High Church Reaction with one distinct purpose—*i. e.*, to show that all these movements have their real meaning in the social results produced thereby—that through them God has intended and succeeded to bring the church to hitherto unrecognized social knowledge and duty—that through these movements no particular advance has been made in the theological, ecclesiastical or ritualistic, but in socialistic comprehension. It is a stroug attempt historically and a keen one argumentatively. It is worthy of study, being deeply suggestive and also exemplary in its method. Although limited to England, it throws continual light upon church conditions everywhere. Without space for argument or desire otherwise to detract from the value of the work or to discuss the author's own theological position, we believe: 1, A proposition against its claim could be strongly set up; 2, the content of the lectures only distantly connects them with the terms of the Ely foundation; 3, there are a few historical inaccuracies. The book is valuable enough and sufficiently wide in its reference to deserve an index.

PRISONERS OF HOPE. Cloth, 12mo. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD. Cloth, 12mo. $1.50 each. By Mary Johnston. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

Competent critics have prophesied phenomenal popularity for these two books. The latter has just been issued. When appearing serially in the *Atlantic Monthly* they excited uncommon interest, for their power, pathos and picturesque quality has not been equalled by any recent work. The scenes are laid n the early years of Colonial Virginia and some well-known historical characters are introduced. Events and experiences of a highly dramatic character are related with remarkable skill and the fineness of a poet. Without doubt they will prove to be the books of the year.

— "Why the Name Lutheran," is the title of an excellent eight-page leaflet, issued by the American Publication Board, Pittsburgh, Pa. Its author is the Rev. Wm. Dallmann. Price per copy, 5 cents, per hundred, $1.

— Fords, Howard & Hulbert, New York, have just issued a convenient handbook, entitled "Sunday Afternoons for the Children: A Mother Book." It aims to provide, by a number of ingenious devices, interesting and profitable occupation for the restless hours of Sunday afternoon—so often a burden to the little folk and a weariness to patient mothers, where there is no Sunday school.

— "One Year of Sunday School Lessons for Young Children" is the title of a manual for teachers and parents, which has been prepared by Florence N. Palmer, and which the Macmillan Company have just published. Fifty-three lessons are presented, in the form in which they are to be told, or read, to the child. Each lesson is illustrated by a half-tone from a painting by one of the great masters.

— We have received from Rev. O. E. Pflueger of Elizabethville, Pa., samples of his "Confirmation Day Souvenir," which is neatly gotten up, containing besides a certificate, a page giving the names of the class, a pastoral address and a picture of the pastor. For rates, address as above.

The Loyal Helpers

Have you read The Loyal Helpers? This interesting story for young people, by Rev. L. S. Keyser, printed in serial form in the REVIEW last year, has been issued in neat book form with paper covers, and can be had for 10 cents a copy. Send for one, it will interest you. Address Luther League Review, box 133, Washington, D. C.

— The Luther League of St. John's Church, Cabarrus County, North Carolina, Rev. Sidney D. Steffey, pastor, is doing effective work. Two of their members are preparing themselves for the gospel ministry.

Luther League of America

Fourth Convention, at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 22, 23, 24, 1900

Call for Fourth National Convention

The Fourth Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in the First Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 22, 23, 24, 1900. Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or Lutheran institution of learning, is entitled to one delegate, each district association to three delegates and each State or territorial organization to ten delegates.

For information regarding hotel, transportation and other local arrangements, address Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, 2433 Ohio avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

E. F. EILERT, President.
M. C. OLSON, General Secretary.

A Visit to Cincinnati

It was my privilege to visit Cincinnati, the convention city, on March 3 and 4, meeting with the committee in charge of the arrangements on the afternoon and evening of March 3. I was exceedingly gratified with the enthusiastic manner in which all have taken hold of the work of preparation. The sub-committees, consisting of the following as chairmen: Reception, Dr. Allan Brankamp; Finance, Amor Ulrici; Press, Rev. J. S. Simon, and Music, A. D. Shockley, have their respective duties well in hand, and with the information and benefits of previous experience I was able to give them, I am sure every detail will be well looked after.

No one is more interested than the chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D.D., the pastor of the First Church, where the convention will be held; he is giving a great deal of his time looking after all details, and is ready to give all the particulars regarding hotels, boarding houses, transportation, &c., and will either answer these communications personally or will hand them to the proper committee. Address Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D.D., 2433 Ohio avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

E. F. EILERT, President.

A Misapprehension

There is evidently a little misapprehension among some Young People's societies of our Church as to whether they are entitled to membership in the Luther League of America. To such we would say that every Lutheran Young People's Society of whatever name, Luther League, Luther Alliance, Christian Endeavor, Young Men's, Young Ladies' or Junior Society, so long as they are connected with a Lutheran Church accepting the Augsburg Confession, is entitled to membership. The name of the society, its form of constitution or its affiliation with some other organization does not debar it from membership in the League. Every society, therefore, connected with a Lutheran Church accepting the Augsburg Confession is earnestly invited, and urged to send a delegate to this convention.

Railroads

Cincinnati is a central point accessible from the East and West, as well as the South, and there is no reason why this should not be the largest of all the National conventions that have been held. All the great trunk lines touch at Cincinnati, and excellent connections can be made with all points. The Central Passenger Association has granted a one-fare round-trip rate, with a recommendation to the Eastern and Western associations to do the same.

This should be an additional and strong inducement for an exceptionally large attendance. Prepare at once.

The Programme

The sub-committee is actively at work arranging the programme. The opening session will be held in the First Church on Tuesday, May 22, at 2 p.m. Sessions will also be held in this church on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and Wednesday and Thursday morning and afternoon. On Wednesday evening sessions will also be held in the following churches: St. Paul's, Rev. Dr. E. R. Wagner, pastor; Walnut Hills, Rev. J. S. Simon, pastor, and at Newport, Ky. (just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati), Rev. F. C. Longaker, pastor. On Thursday evening the final session will be held in the large music hall just across the park from the First Church. The topics of the convention are Methods, Means and Men, or three "M's;" those of the first three conventions having been Loyalty, Literature, Labor, or the three "L's." Let your thoughts be on the three named, and we will be glad to have you speak on them.

"O there are brother hearts that dwell in gloom,
Souls loathsome, foul and black with daily sin,
So crusted o'er with baseness, that no ray
Of heaven's blessed light may enter in!
Come down, then, to the hot and dusty way,
And lead them back to hope and peace again—
For, save in Act, thy Love is all in vain."

—*Lowell.*

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This is the census year! And the great suggestion is the query whether our names are written in the book of eternal life in the presence of God in heaven.

Famine-afflicted India calls for special efforts and immediate contributions. The needy are many; among them those of our own faith, who should be relieved without delay. In this Lenten season this seems to be a special call, to which we cannot shut our ears or our purses.

The Mission boards in all branches of our Church are urging upon our people the necessity of giving more, and frequently, that the wants of the different fields may be promptly and regularly supplied. Many of our people give nothing; and many of those who do give, give but little; yet often our Missionaries and our Missions suffer because the treasurers of our societies and of our congregations do not remit promptly the money in their hands to the treasurers of the Synods and to the treasurers of the different boards. Many a dollar might be saved which is now paid for interest, and many a life lengthened, if money were immediately sent after it is received.

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish; but have everlasting life." "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisements of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." As we enter upon the season of Lent may our thoughts be directed to the great sacrifice made for us. May we study the Cross, its cause and the repentance necessary for us.

How many humble, oft unnoticed causes are at work upon modern civil life. The subway with its tunnels and its bright steel lines of rail, the dark sewers carrying away the foul pollutions and the noxious malarial gases, the ocean cable and the noiseless lines of wire—aye, a thousand invisible, silent agencies are steadily leading us onward and upward to higher and better levels of action and endeavor.

BEAR IT IN MIND—The fourth convention of the Luther League of America. PLACE—First Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D.D., pastor. TIME—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, May 22, 23, 24, 1900. The first session at 10.30 a.m. Tuesday, the last 8 p.m. Thursday. Business sessions will be held in the First Church. On Wednesday evening services will be held in all the Lutheran churches in the city and vicinity; the closing meeting in Music Hall, a building of national reputation. Subject, "Methods, Means and Men in their Connection with the Methods and Agencies of the Church."

A community is made up of individuals of different temperaments, different intelligence and different ideas; but they possibly may be included in the three classes represented by three speakers in a recent gathering. One expressed himself as out of all heart, because things seemed to be going wrong; and he believed that evil would prevail. A second said, "I have too much faith in the common sense of the American people to believe that they will allow everything to go to ruin, and there will be a reaction in sentiment." And the third remarked, "While I have faith in the common sense of the American people, and see much about me that is wrong, yet I believe in an overruling Providence and 'that all things work together for good to them that love God.'"

A perfect manhood is the aim and desire of many, and yet how few reach the hight of their ambition. A study of the life of Joseph will doubtless show wherein these lacked. It is wonderful that amidst all his trials and obstacles he always rose to the top, was selected for positions of prominence, authority and judgment; and that he never failed in his duty or wavered because oppressed. It is the helpful, trustful soul that realizes the blessing.

On every hand are signs of prosperity. The reports from the business world are exceedingly encouraging. With the better times let us give more to the Lord. This year ought to witness a great increase in our contributions to the cause of Christ. Every Christian ought to be a giving Christian. Let us be liberal toward the Lord as He has been toward us. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Increase your contributions to your church.

It is surprising how much can be accomplished by a small body of workers when they heartily co-operate with the pastor as the leader. Always keep in mind the fact that the pastor is the leader, called and ordained to that position. It is one of the greatest mistakes that any church member can make, to set himself up as leader. There is only one way to do effectual church work, and that is, always to remember that there can be but one head to the congregation, and that must without exception be the pastor. He will need to have others in charge of certain parts of the work, even as a general in the army; but he as leader must form the plan of campaign, and all the workers co-operate with him.

No greater mistake can be made (and none productive of so much harm) than for members in charge of certain departments of the work to seek to conduct their departments independently of the pastor. Every worker occupying a position of trust or influence in the Church ought to give the pastor his fullest confidence, and consult him in all plans. It is not that the pastor wants to domineer, but because where there is but one head, and that the pastor, and all workers co-operate with him in fullest confidence and sympathy, the greatest and best results will be achieved. Do not work independently of your pastor. Co-operate with him. Honor him as the head and leader in the congregation.

In a neighboring city the task of making a religious census was undertaken on Washington Birthday. Owing to the inclement weather it was not prosecuted as it ought otherwise have been; but sufficient was learned in the 24 hours of that day to assure us that many have had a Christian training in early life who in their days of manhood and womanhood have entirely forgotten the Church and its service. It is hoped that the Lutherans may reap a large harvest from this work, for while some have not favored this visitation, and others have opposed it, yet there is no reason why the reports as received by the committees in charge might not be utilized for the benefit of our own Church work.

"Father, through this desert guide me,
By Thy counsel, till I die;
Whether weal or woe betide me,
I am safe if Thou are nigh—
Underneath Thy wings I hide me,
Trusting Thy omniscient eye."

John Westhoff—Lutheran

(*Continued from page* 11.)

urged the minister, in his ingratiating way, taking John's hand.

"I shall try to do what is right, Doctor."

The minister looked at his young host keenly for a moment, as much as to say, "Here's a young man of no ordinary mold," and then said good day.

The young collegian had now a problem to solve. To some young men it might have been a very simple one. To John it was mainly an ethical question. During the next two days he balanced the reasons for and against accepting the proposal and at length came to a conclusion.

At the appointed hour he made his way to Dr. Bayard's residence. He walked rapidly, as was his wont, with his lips firmly set, and with the air of one who had made up his mind. Seated in the Doctor's well-appointed library, he said:

"Doctor, I have come to give you my decision."

"I am anxious to hear it,"rejoined the Doctor, smiling blandly.

What do you suppose the young man's decision was?

(To be continued.)

Luther League Items

IN THE WEST

— On February 2 the Executive Committee of the Tri-City League met at the parsonage of St. Paul's Church, Davenport, Iowa, and organized by electing Rev. W. H. Blancke, chairman, and Mr. K. M. Holmberg, sec.; Mr. Carl E. Bohman was appointed correspondent to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW for the Tri-Cities.

— Before leaving our church at Topeka some of the members of the Y. P. S. C. E. presented Rev. and Mrs. Wagner with a very beautiful picture, in ebony frame, entitled "At the Throne of Grace." Rev. Wagner says: "This last act toward us was in keeping with their uniform kindness and courtesy during our pleasant season of labor with them."

— The Luther League of the English Church, at La Crosse, Wis., was recently reorganized. The president is R. A. Mischeiseid.

— Our Luther League at Aberdeen, S. D., reports that they are doing a good work, and increasing the membership at every meeting. The officers are: Pres., Harold Melgaard; vice-pres., Rev. O. Glesne; sec., Augusta Oyhus; treas., Oscar Melgaard.

— The Christian Endeavor Society of the Lutheran Church, at Lanark, Ill., appropriately observed Endeavor Day, February 4. The pastor, Rev. M. Colver, delivering an address. The society is in a good working condition, and is an important factor in the congregation, financially and otherwise.

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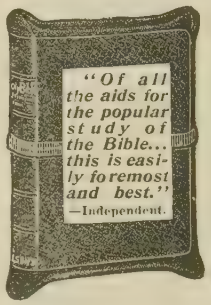

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CONNECTICUT

— The Luther League of Trinity Church of New Haven held a banquet and entertainment on Tuesday evening, February 20, to celebrate its tenth anniversary. It was well attended. After an excellent banquet, served by the young ladies of the League, a number of entertaining musical selections were rendered. The more serious part of the programme followed. President C. F. Gutbrod gave a brief history of the society, and told of the work accomplished by it during the last ten years. The address of the evening was by Rev. J. A. Timm, and proved to be both interesting and appropriate to the occasion. Congratulations were also presented by representatives of the other organizations. The League numbers 203 members, besides about 30 belonging to the Junior League. Financially it is in a prosperous condition, and has during its existence rendered much assistance to the church and to outside mission purposes.

Our Churches and Institutions

New York City

— Bethany Church, Rev. J. F. W. Kitzmeyer, pastor, entered their new Sunday-school building, erected upon the rear portion of their property, on February 25. The cost of this additional structure was $2,000, which has been practically all provided. The new addition was much needed for the constantly growing work.

— It is reported that Rev. Wm. Koepchen of Meriden, Conn., has received and accepted a call to St. Luke's Church, West Forty-second street, to become the successor of Rev. Wm. Busse, deceased.

— A Liszt organ, made by the Mason & Hamlin Company, has been presented to the Church of the Atonement, Rev. F. H. Knubel, pastor, as well as four handsome silver offering plates and a silver receiving plate, made by the Gorham Company, which were used for the first time on February 25.

— Daily Lenten services are being held in Holy Trinity Church, 45-47 West Twenty-first street, Rev. C. Armand Miller, pastor, from 5 to 5.30, conducted by various pastors of our churches in this city.

— The Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions, representing the Protestant missionary societies and missions of the world, will meet in this city April 21 to May 1.

Brooklyn

— The second anniversary of the Church of the Reformation, East New York, Rev. Harry Miller, pastor, was celebrated on February 13. Addresses were delivered by Rev. C. Armand Miller of Holy Trinity Church, Manhattan; Rev. H. S. Knabenschuh of Christ's Church, Brooklyn, and Rev. C. W. Jefferis. The congregation has just purchased ground on Pennsylvania avenue, on which in time a suitable church building will be erected.

— There is every reason to believe that in a short time the Emmanuel Church, whose edifice, at Driggs avenue and South Fifth street, Williamsburg, is to be torn down for the purposes of the New East River Bridge, will make an offer for the property of the Temple Beth-Elohim, in Keap street, near Division avenue.

— A few months ago a new mission was successfully inaugurated in Greenpoint, which now numbers over 40 members. The Rev. Samuel Trexler is in charge.

— Last month a branch Sunday-school was organized in the so-called Bedford District, under the auspices of Holy Trinity Church, the Rev. A. Steimle, pastor.

Philadelphia

— Mrs. Will M. Beck and Mrs. J. D. Simon, missionaries of the General Synod at the Muhlenberg Station, Africa, who sailed from Philadelphia for the foreign field on November 4, died at the mission on December 26 and 29, respectively, having only been there for 20 days.

— Miss Mary F. Van Leer of Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, arrived in this city on Saturday evening, February 20, and will rest in this country for a time, expecting to return as soon as her health will permit.

— Rev. H. Offermann of Camden, N. J., has accepted the call to Emanuel's German Congregation, Fourth and Carpenter streets, this city.

— On Sunday, February 4, 1900, the lately ordained Rev. Vigge C. Mengers was installed as pastor of St. John's Danish Lutheran Church of this city. The installation took place in the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Advent, Rev. J. F. C. Fluck, pastor, in which church the Danish congregation was organized about six years ago, and where they hold regular services every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

Pittsburg

— On February 14 a special memorial service was held in Trinity Church, Allegheny, Pa., Rev. A. J. Turkle, pastor, whose sister, Mrs. J. D. Simon, a missionary to Africa, had died on December 29, 1899. The programme was prepared by the Ministerial Association of Pittsburgh.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Lutheran Liturgical Association was held February 12, in the First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Rev. A. J. Turkle conducted the opening service. A very exhaustive paper was read, from the pen of Rev. C. E. Haupt, on "The Construction of the House of the Lord." Another, by Rev. H. K. Shanor, on the "Magnificat," and the last one by Rev. T. S. Brown, on the "Nunc Dimittis."

Buffalo

— Rev. W. J. Miller of Rochester has declined the call to become pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo. The daily press announces that the congregation has several other ministers of high reputation in view.

Chicago

— Rev. C. M. Weswig's Covenant Church, the first purely English church in the United Norwegian Church, has purchased a lot and will build a new church on the west side, Chicago, this spring.

— Rev. H. B. Reed's mission, near Humboldt Park, Chicago, is occupying its neat brick chapel. It is now being furnished, and will probably be consecrated by Easter.

Jersey City

— The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod will take the mission church at Jersey City Heights, Rev. E. W. Fulper, pastor, as a mission of the society and contribute to its support.

— Rev. J. E. Heindel expects to break ground for this new church on April 1.

Hoboken

— The New York and New England Conference of the Mission Synod held its semi-annual meeting in St. John's Church, Rev. N. Frey, pastor, from February 20-22. On February 7, Rev. H. C. Fultz organized a new English

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church known as Holy Trinity Church, with 90 charter members. The Sunday school was organized last month, and already has an enrollment of 100 scholars.

— On January 21, Rev. E. Dingman dedicated a new church at North Bergen avenue, West Hoboken.

St. Paul

— The English Lutheran Memorial Church, St. Paul, Minn., Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, pastor, was consecrated on February 18. The church was organized 18 years ago by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D.

NEW YORK STATE

— Rev. C. T. McDaniel has resigned the pastorate of St. John's Lutheran Church of Hudson, N. Y.

— Rev. Albert Heyd of Bloomfield, N. J., has accepted a call to Lyons, N. Y., to succeed his brother, the Rev. E. Heyd, who has gone to Rochester, N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA

— The Lutheran pastors of Wilkes-Barre and Scranton on February 26 met and organized a Joint Pastoral Association at the parsonage of Trinity Church, Scranton, Rev. Chas. G. Spieker, pastor. Rev. Dr. W. L. Hunton is president, and Rev. O. F. Ettwein, secretary, of the association. At this meeting papers were read by Rev. Dr. Ramer of Scranton, on "Confirmation," and by Rev. C. E. Blethen of Gouldsboro, on "Public Worship." The meetings open with the reading of the "Gospel Lesson" in Greek. There are 16 pastors in the association.

— Rev. Dr. Ramer of Scranton rejoices to see his new church nearing completion.

— Rev. Carl Zinssmeister of Wilkes-Barre has removed to Syracuse, N. Y., and taken charge of St. Peter's German-English Lutheran Church at that place.

— The First Lutheran Church of Carlisle, Pa., has tendered a call to Rev. G. M. Dieffenderfer of Newport, Pa., as the successor of Dr. H. B. Wile. The congregation is erecting a new church and parsonage to cost $75,000.

— Rev. L. Lindenstruth has accepted the call to St. Paul's German Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

— Rev. G. A. Bruegel preached his last German sermon as pastor of St. Luke's, on February 25. He retires with a record of three years' faithful work.

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— The fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the Lutheran Church, Xenia, Ohio, Rev. V. J. Becker, pastor, was fittingly celebrated February 6 to 11.

— The address of Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., is changed from Greensburg, Pa., to Miamisburg, Ohio.

MISCELLANEOUS

— Rev. George H. Schnur, father of our associate literary secretary, died on February 12 at his home, Utan, Ind.

— A reception was given on March 2 to Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., and wife by the members of his new charge, the First Church of Kansas City, Mo.

— During the last week of January St. Matthew's congregation of Augusta, Ga., of which Rev. C. E. Weltner, formerly of New York City, is the pastor, celebrated its fortieth anniversary. Mr. A. J. D. Wedemeyer of Liberty, N. Y., who was the first superintendent of the Sunday school 40 years ago, was present and made an address.

— The seventh convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South will be held in Augsburg Church, Winston, N. C., beginning on Wednesday, May 16, 1900, M. G. G. Scherer, sec.

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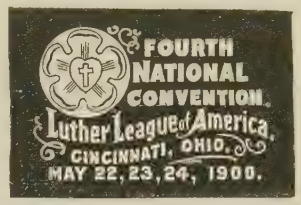

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— Pres. George D. Boschen of the New York State League has appointed the following delegates to the Fourth National Convention of the Luther League of America:

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New York City

— The Luther League of New York City held its annual spring convention in Holy Trinity Church, West Twenty-first street, Rev. C. Armand Miller, pastor, on March 15. The topic of the convention was "Woman's Work in the Church," the speakers being Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D., and Sister Jennie of the Deaconess Motherhouse at Baltimore. The League has just issued its annual card with names of officers and Leagues, together with a directory of the Lutheran churches in New York city with the names of their pastors.

— On January 30 Holy Trinity Luther League was favored with an address on "The Philippines," by Mr. J. H. Peyton. This eloquent address was very entertaining and instructive, giving much of interest regarding our new acquisitions. Mr. Peyton is peculiarly fitted to present this subject, having but recently returned from the Philippines.

Brooklyn

— The Ladies' Society of St. John's Church (East New York), Rev. J. G. Holstein, pastor, celebrated their twentieth anniversary on January 28.

— On February 1 the various organizations of Trinity Church, Middle Village, Rev. D. W. Peterson, pastor, observed their anniversary. The Ladies' Aid Society has 70, the Young People's Society 60, and the Dorcas Society 25 members. Rev. G. C. Berkemeier made the address.

Rhinebeck District

— This District League will hold its next convention on May 15, at Rhinebeck. It will be the tenth anniversary of the organization of the League. Mr. E. F. Eilert, pres. of the National League, and Rev. C. Armand Miller of New York, have been invited as speakers. The District now comprises 20 societies and 627 members.

D. & H. District

— The Luther League of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Rev. M. J. Bieber, pastor, met at the parsonage on February 21. In addition to the regular programme, Mr. O. A. Meade, a friend of the League, gave an interesting talk on his "Travels Through Mexico," after which a social hour with refreshments was spent. Mr. W. H. Rector was recently elected pres., and O. K. Fetherolf, vice-pres. of the League.

Buffalo Central

— The Mission Committee of the Luther League of Trinity Church, Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., pastor, is doing a good work. The flower and tract or paper distribution at hospitals, almshouse and prisons has grown into a system of circulating books and pamphlets at the county house which promises to be mose useful. The committee also plans musical entertainments at the prisons, and much kindness to our orphans and old folks.

— The Rev. Theo. McNair, missionary from Japan, gave a lecture on missionary work and its advantages and disadvantages in Japan, to the Luther League of the Church of the Atonement on February 13. The lecture was very interesting and instructive. In connection with this Rev. McNair exhibited a number of pictures by means of the stereopticon.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

— The Lutheran Social Union held its meeting on February 23 in the Crozer Building. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. B. Focht of Selinsgrove, on "Signs for Lutherans," and by Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., on "The Sway of the Mechanical."

— The Young Men's Aid Society of St. Michael's German Church, Rev. Aug. Fischer, pastor, celebrated its sixth anniversary on Sunday evening, January 21. Rev. J. F. C. Fluck delivered an English sermon, which was followed by an address in German by Pastor Fischer. The society has a membership of 60, and assists the church in various ways. During the past year they donated over $50 to the congregation, besides expending $65 in improving the lighting of the church by Welsbach lights.

— On February 8 a large and appreciative audience gathered at the Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, to hear the Rev. J. Fry, D.D., in his interesting lecture, "Up the Nile."

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Counties Central

— The sixth annual convention of the B. M. C. Central, held in St. John's Church, Phœnixville, was successful in every particular. The programme was very interesting throughout. The treasurer in his report showed the treasury to be in a very healthy state, so very healthy that at the afternoon session $25 was given to the Hospital and Zenana Work in India. A. B. Walp, Esq., of Quakertown was re-elected treasurer, which position he has held the past six years. The report of the various committees on the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW showed an increased number of subscriptions. The president, Frank L. Brown, in his address recommended semiannual instead of annual conventions, and also the creation of a new office—viz., that of a statistical secretary. He said there are 19 organized Lutheran societies within the Central's bounds who have no membership with the Central. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, I. G. Romisch, Pottstown; first vice-pres., C. H. Hunsberger, Schwenksville; second vice-pres., Geo. D. Peters, Spring City; rec. sec., Miss Sara G. Cressman, Sellersville; cor. sec., Miss Martha Rydberg, Norristown; treas., Mr. A. B. Walp, Quakertown. Excellent papers were read by Miss Sara G. Cressman on "Christian Efficiency," by Miss Eva March on the "Proper Time for the De-

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votional Service of the League," and by Rev. Chas. Jacobs on "How Should Lutherans Observe Lent," and an address on "Individualism," by Rev. N. R. Melhorn. The evening programme was in the hands of the Local League, who did themselves great credit in the get up of the programme throughout. Rev. J. C. Kunzman was the speaker, who addressed the crowded church on "Church Extension." The vested choir sang very well, and several of its members rendered beautiful solos. Words of praise cannot express the excellent manner in which the Phœnixville Leaguers entertained all of the visiting delegates and members of other Leagues, and throughout it was one of the most successful conventions that the B. M. C. has yet held. Among the visitors who were granted the privilges of the floor of the convention were Rev. Jos. F. Hartman, D.D., formerly of Altoona; Rev. W. G. Brubaker, Phœnixville, and Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., president of the Pennsylvania Luther League, who spoke very entertainingly on the coming national convention in Cincinnati and the State convention in Norristown.

Allentown District

—The annual meeting of the Bethlehem Local Center Luther League was held in Trinity Church on February 14. Dr. G. T. Ettinger of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, delivered his interesting lecture on "An Hour With the Dictionary" to a large audience. A handsome donation to St. Stephen's mission, where Rev. J. A. Scheffer is acting pastor, was thankfully acknowledged. The newly elected officers of the Center are: President, Rev. F. E. Cooper of St. Mark's Church; vice-pres., Erwin Jaxheimer of St. Stephen's Mission Church; sec., Wilson Fehnel of Trinity Church, and treas., Charles Jones of Grace Church.

—On February 5 Rev. M. J. Bieber of Binghamton, N. Y., delivered a lecture on "Some Nineteenth Century Gleanings" in St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Allentown, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Central

—The Luther League of St. John's, Wilkes-Barre, Rev. W. L. Hunton, pastor, at its last meeting turned over a surplus from its treasury of $30, as a donation to the church. The League subscribed for 100 copies of "The Mission Worker," which the Committee on Christian Work will distribute to the members of the congregation. The Washington's Birthday gathering was a delightful social event. St. John's League holds its gatherings either for the intellectual or social benefit of its members and not for the purpose of "making money."

Reading Central

—At the monthly meeting of the Young People's Society of St. John's German Church, a committee was appointed to arrange for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the society on May 18.

Lancaster and Vicinity

—A Young Men's Society was recently organized in Emmanuel Church, Rev. P. G. Sieger pastor, having for its object the proper ways and means of interesting the younger men in church work.

—At the annual election of Zion's Luther League, Marietta, the following officers were elected: President, John Koehler; vice-pres., Geo. Shields; sec., Catherine Myers; treas., Mrs. John Kolb. The pastor, Rev. Kuder, re-

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York County

— The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of St. Matthew's Church, York, Rev. W. M. B. Glanding, pastor, recently contributed $22 to a fund for a new furnace for the church. The junior Y. P. S. C. E. placed the new hymn books in the choir and the church.

Catawissa Central

— Grace Luther League of Shamokin, Rev. J. F. Wampole, pastor, made a Christmas offering of $100 toward the payment of the church debt, and expects to double that during the present year. They are eagerly looking forward to the meeting of the convention of the Catawissa Central League in their midst in August.

Northwestern Pennsylvania Central

— The Luther League of St. John's Church, Revs. G. A. and C. T. Benze, pastors, celebrated its twenty-first anniversary, Sunday, January 28. Thirty new members were added during the year. It now numbers 245 active members, with a junior annex of about 160. The Junior League presented a set of violet pulpit and altar vestments to the church, which were used for the first time at the Ash Wednesday service.

OHIO

— The fifth annual convention of the Luther League of Ohio will be held in St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Miamisburg, Ohio, Rev. F. W. Peschau, D.D., pastor, on Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22. Free entertainment will be provided. Every Lutheran Young People's Society in the State, whatever name it may bear, Christian Endeavor, Luther Alliance or Luther League—all are kindly requested to send two delegates. Luther League centers are being organized throughout the State. They are requested to present the claims of the State and national conventions. Visitors from far or near will be accorded a hearty welcome. Notify Prof. P. O. Getter, Miamisburg, Ohio, of your intention to be present so that proper provision can be made for all. The C. H. & D., the Big Four and the Erie railroads, in addition to the trolley line from Dayton to Cincinnati, pass through the city. The National Luther League Convention will be held in Cincinnati the same week, and both may be attended with little extra expense. Buy tickets to Cincinnati, which can be secured at one fare for the round trip. Stopping off at Miamisburg will cost not more than 75 cents additional.

Northeastern District League

— The second annual convention of the District Luther League of Northeastern Ohio was held in Trinity Church, Akron, February 22. A business session was held in the morning. At the afternoon session the following excellent papers were read: "Devotional Part of Young People's Society," by Miss Leora Bower; "The True Pledge," by Miss Zelina Houriet, and "Religious Education in the Lutheran Church," by Miss Agnes Lind. "True Enthusiasm" was most pointedly presented by Professor Cooper, and "Denominational Loyalty" was carefully discussed by Rev. W. H. Brown. A general discussion on "The Future of the Lutheran Church in America" was led by Dr. Roth of Thiel College. Dr. Roth's remarks sent the blood tingling with renewed vigor through the veins of every true Leaguer. He left us with

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the impression that the Luther League has a work to do, and to do now. After lunch we again listened to Dr. Roth. He held the undivided attention of every one for an hour on "Right Use of Youthful Strength." The church choir, assisted and helped to make the evening one long to be remembered. The officers elected are: President, M. W. Lutz, Canton; vice-pres., C. A. Bauer, M.D., Uniontown; rec. sec., Agnes Lind, Canton; cor. sec., Rev. C. L. Boory, Orrville; treas., Fred Deutsch, Clinton. C. A. Holloway, Professor Cooper, C. S. Dannely, Leora Bower and Agnes Lind are delegates to the State convention. Rev. C. E. Kellar, Rev. W. H. Brown and M. W. Lutz will represent the District League at the national convention. All in all, the convention was characterized by such true earnestness that we feel that much good will result.

Columbus District

— The first convention of the Lutheran young people of the churches in and near Columbus, was held in the Monroe Avenue English Church of that city on February 22. Although the weather was very inclement, eight congregations were represented by about 30 persons, and a permanent organization effected. After the adoption of the constitution, the following officers were elected to serve for one year: President, J. F. Shaffer, D.D., of Delaware; sec., Miss Daisy Helen Bradley, Delaware; treas., Rev. S. G. Dornblaser, Columbus. Delegates to the national convention are Rev. Charles K. Hunton, Columbus, Ohio; Rev. C. W. Siffred, D.D., Newark, Ohio; Miss Anna Ebner, London, Ohio. Those who will represent the district at the State convention are Rev. J. F. Shaffer, D.D., Delaware; Rev. S. G. Dornblaser, Columbus; Mr. Will H. Wean, Columbus; Rev. J. J. S. Rumbarger, Ashville, and Miss Roxana Sander, Columbus. At the afternoon session a number of papers were presented, and they were without exception of unusual merit. The general discussions were animated and to the point. The subjects and names of the persons who prepared the papers are as follows: "Objects of Organizing Lutheran Young People," by Miss Anna Kaiser of the First English Church, Columbus; "What Can Our Societies Do for the Sunday-school?" Mrs. Rumbarger of Ashville: "The Young People's Society as a Training School," by Mr. O. E. Cooperrider of Newark, and "Lutheran Literature," by Mr. Ernest Wagner of Delaware. In the evening a very interesting and instructive lecture on "The Jewish Tabernacle," was delivered by Rev. J. F. Shaffer, D.D., of Delaware. The doctor has a large model of the tabernacle and its court, with all their furnishings, which gives a very clear and correct impression of this structure, which formed the center of the

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— The Luther League of Emmanuel Church, Germantown, was successful beyond its expectations in the foreign mission service held on February 4. The offerings amounted to almost $40.

— Salem Church, Ellerton, has a very active Luther League. Last fall it put in a circular stained-glass window above the chancel, containing the Luther League badge. This has now been followed by two beautiful memorial windows, one on each side of the chancel.

— The Luther League of St. Mark's Church of Van Wert celebrated its anniversary with a banquet recently, about 100 persons being present. There was a feast of good things, with good music and good speeches. Rev. H. S. Lawrence is the pastor.

— Rev. W. H. Lehmann of Columbiana has a junior Luther League, numbering 16 members. We expect it will soon get out of its "teens" and grow into scores.

— Rev. G. W. Lose of Faith Chapel, Massillon, reports the organization of a Luther League, with 25 members. The League have decided to place a new carpet in their chapel.

ILLINOIS

Chicago

— The "Men's Lutheran Guild" is the name of a newly organized society in the Wicker Park congregation. They gave their first public lecture on February 21 by Dr. Weidner. The subject was "John Ruskin."

— On February 6 the Luther League of Grace Church, Chicago, gave the third lecture of its series for the winter. The speaker was Rev. H. M. Banner, and his topic, "If Martin Luther Lived To-Day."

— The Luther League of our church, at Galesburg, Ill., gave an excellent entertainment on February 22, the proceeds of which were applied to the purchase of a piano. It was a success both socially and financially.

— A Luther League was organized at the beginning of the year in St. John's Church, Elwood, Ind., with a membership of about 25. Two sets of the Reading Course books have been purchased, and work will be begun on the course at once. The League is getting along nicely, and the members manifest an interest in and a willingness to work. The officers are: President, Rev. W. Ira Guss; vice-pres., Miss Maggie Bambrough; sec., N. W. Long; treas., Miss Mary Shaffer.

— A Luther League was recently organized in our chuch at Fort Wayne, Ind., of which Rev. L. J. Motschman is the pastor. The following are the officers: President, W. H. Myers; vice-pres., Lida Hunt; sec., Edith White; treas., O. R. Kelsey. The League recently raised and contributed $35 to the church debt fund.

KENTUCKY

— The quarterly convention of the Louisville Luther League was held in the Second Church on January 28. Dr. Waltz of the First Church gave an address, entitled "Some Lessons from the Life of Moody." The following officers were recently elected: Pres., E. S. Quest; vice-pres., Rev. Elmer G. Howard; rec. sec., Miss Carrie Fisher; cor. sec., Miss E. Hoerter; treas., Lewis Parrot.

— At the anniversary of the Luther Brotherhood of the Second Church, Louisville, Rev. H. K. Fenner, D.D., pastor, on February 25, an address was delivered by Rev. C. R. Hemphill, D.D.

MARYLAND AND THE SOUTH

— The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Second Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. George W. Miller, D.D., pastor, recently celebrated its tenth anniversary.

— A Luther League was organized in Grace Church, Waynesboro, Va., Rev. W. R. Brown, pastor, on February 13, with 16 members. As there has been no service in the church on Sunday evenings at the regular hour for church service, the League will hold its devotional meetings every Sunday evening. The Luther League Topics will be used. The following officers were elected to serve till July, 1900: Pres., W. S. Zombro; vice-pres., Rev. W. R. Brown; sec., Miss Effie Coyner; treas., Marshall Helms.

— The Luther League of the First Church, Nashville, Tenn., has presented a handsome Moller pipe organ to the congregation. This is the outcome of several years of earnest work and is worthy of congratulation. The League recently suffered a severe loss in the death of its first pres., Mr. William A. Summitt. The following are the officers of the League for 1900: Pres., Luther Roy Summitt; vice-pres., John Fischer; sec., Eda Heines, and treas., Sophia Cammeier.

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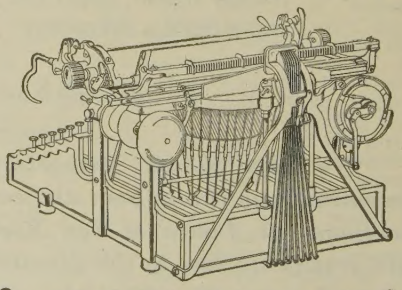

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